

# Fort Davis

## National Historic Site

National Park Service  
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Curriculum Materials Grades 6-8

Teacher Notes: Readers' Theatre: One Act Play

**Topic:** This one-act play is based on the diary of Emily K. Andrews, wife of Colonel George Andrews, 25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry.

**Objectives and Standards:** Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/>

### Grade 6

#### Social Studies

**113.22:** 1,2,,7, 20, 21,22,23

#### Language Arts

**110.22:** 4, 11, 13 15

#### Fine Arts/Theater

**117.34:** 1,2,4

### Grade 7

#### Social Studies

**111.23:** 1,5,6,8,9,10,11,19,20, 21,22,23

#### Language Arts

**110.23:** 4, 11, 13 15

#### Fine Arts/Theater

**117.347:** 1,2,4

### Grade 8

#### Social Studies

**111.24:** 1, 6,10,1330,31,32

#### Language Arts

**110.24:** 4, 11, 13 15

#### Fine Arts/Theater

**117.40:** 1,2,4

### Materials Needed:

Copies of play for eleven actors. There can be extra narrators if more actors are needed.

### Lesson Activities:

#### Historic readings/background information:

Prior to the presentation, teacher can read the background information with the students.

This will give them information on travel across Texas and about army life through the eyes of a woman and her teenage daughter from the eastern United States.

#### Activities and Projects:

1. Students will read the play for their peers or other audiences.
2. Students can study the map of the trip from Austin to Fort Davis. Then they can look at a highway map to determine the mileage. How long would it take make the trip today?
3. Discuss with the students some of the disadvantages of traveling the frontier by wagon. Would there be any advantages? Explain.

**Wrap-up and Assessment:** The teacher may evaluate this activity in any way appropriate.